

such work and that ordinarily only men were being called upon to do so.

At this stage, the Assembly rose for the day at 11-5 a.m., to meet again the following day at 12 of the clock.

SEVENTH DAY.

Monday, 8th June 1936.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Monday, the 8th June 1936, at 12 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., *Dewan*) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—

(concl'd.).

Disposal of Small Cause Cases.

Q.—30. Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA (Hassan Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the number of small cause cases disposed of in the several civil courts of the State during the three years 1932-33, 1933-34 and 1934-35;

(b) how many revision cases have been preferred in the High Court against these decrees (salwar details to be furnished)?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. A. V. Ramanathan).—

(a) 1932-33	...	26,340
1933-34	...	24,405
1934-35	...	19,857
(b) 1932-33	...	158
1933-34	...	179
1934-35	...	172

Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA.—During the past three years, out of 70,602 small cause cases, only 509 had gone up for revision. Does not this show that the litigants feel it a hardship to go all the way to the headquarters?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—It may be the member's opinion; but I do not

think there is any hardship. In fact, the very object of having small cause courts is to remove such hardships. And sometimes, opinion is in favour of having more and more of village *Munsiffs'* courts.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Out of 509 revision cases preferred, may I know how many were allowed?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—Notice.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Why were cases so few on the revision side during 1934-35?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—Notice.

Literacy among Patels.

Q.—31. Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA (Hassan Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when did the Government Order, directing that all village patels should be literate, come into force;

(b) how many literate patels are there at present according to the above rule;

(c) how many illiterate patels are there who know only to sign their names;

(d) how many illiterate patels are there who do not know even to sign their names (talukwar replies are requested)?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. A. V. Ramanathan).—

(a) *Vide* Rule 24 of the Rules under the Village Offices Regulation, stating that literacy of patels is being insisted upon from and after the 4th December 1909.

(b), (c) and (d) A statement showing the particulars so far as could be gathered is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix).

Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA.—May I know why in spite of the Order of 1909, so many illiterate patels are kept on?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—The rule can only be given effect to gradually. We cannot suddenly deprive people of their *hak* and in small villages, we could not get qualified people to take their